

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Masaki WATANABE et al.

Divisional Application of

U.S. Serial No.: 08/385,441

Examiner: Unassigned

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Group Art Unit: Unassigned

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SYNTHESIZING IMAGES

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Before examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

## **IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Page 1, line 14, after "by" insert --a--;

line 18, after "indispensable" insert --,--;

line 20, after "in" insert --a--;

line 21, after "using" insert --a--;

line 22, after "as" insert --a-- and after "surface," insert --a--.

Page 2, line 5, after "natural" insert --, a--; line 8, after "by" insert --the--.